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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. ON EVENING OF MARCH 12 DC HOLDRIDGE HOSTED DINNER FOR MFA AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN DIVISION OFFICIALS ATTENDED BY ACTING CHIEF JENKINS, ANDERSON AND BLACKBURN. ON CHINESE SIDE WERE DIRECTOR LIN P'ING, TING YUAN-HUNG, CH'ENG CH'I-HUNG, AND INTERPRETERS CHAO CHIA AND SHEN JO-YUN, WHO WAS BILLED AS DEPUTY SECTION CHIEF. SHEN WAS A LAST MINUTE ADDITION AT CHINESE REQUEST. WHILE IT MAY BE THAT LIN SIMPLY WANTED AN ADDITIONAL INTERPRETER, SHEN JO-YUN FREQUENTLY IS IN ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS BETWEEN HEADS OF STATE AND THE CHAIRMAN AND RARELY ATTENDS FUNCTIONS AT DIVISION CHIEF LEVEL. IT IS POSSIBLE SHE CAME ALONG AS AN OBSERVER FOR SOMEONE HIGHER UP.

2. EVENING WAS RELAXED AND FRIENDLY, ALTHOUGH LIN GENERALLY STAYED AWAY FROM SUBSTANTIVE TOPICS. HE DID EXPRESS INTEREST IN BRITISH ELECTIONS AND IMPLICATIONS OF NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT FOR COMMON MARKET. JENKINS AND HOLDRIDGE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT ELECTION OF LABOR GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT
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SERIOUSLY DISRUPT COMMON MARKET AND NOTED THAT A BREAKUP OF

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WOULD ALSO NOT BE IN CHINA'S INTEREST.
LIN WAS NONCOMMITTAL.

3. WHEN PRESS SPECULATION THAT THE CURRENT IDEOLOGICAL
CAMPAIGN MIGHT AFFECT U.S. - PRC RELATIONS AND CULTURAL
EXCHANGES WAS MENTIONED, LIN REPLIED VERY FIRMLY THAT
COURSE OF U.S. - PRC RELATIONS WAS SET BY CHAIRMAN MAO
AND SPELLED OUT IN SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. THERE WOULD BE,
HE SAID, NO CHANGE.

4. DURING DINNER ANDERSON NOTED THAT MR. BRUCE WOULD SOON BE
RETURNING TO PEKING AND ASKED ABOUT HUANG CHEN'S PLANS.
TING YUAN-HUNG SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON TIMING OF HUANG'S
RETURN TO WASHINGTON, BUT ADDED THAT HE IS STILL IN PEKING
AND RUMORS THAT HE IS ILL ARE INCORRECT.
JENKINS

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